12634 Village Health Guides (9013 female and 3621 male) are in position in Rajasthan.

(b) No complaints have been received in regard to the non-implementation of the scheme.

(c) Does not arise.

Creation of Industrial Disaster Relief Fund

1491. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether an Industrial Disaster Relief Fund has been created;

(b) if so, what are the main aspects;

(c) whether such a relief fund would also cover radiation hazard; and

(d) if not, what is the present disaster relief for radiation hazard to the public others than the employees in the Atomic power plants and other fuel enrichment plants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) to (d) In so far as nuclear plants are concerned, all the precautions are taken to ensure that they pose no hazards to the personnel within the plant or the members of the public. In the unlikely event of an accident, Government will extend due relief depending on the extent of damage or injury suffered.

Development of Rural People

1492. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that to develop the rural people and to improve their life style, the regional imbalances should be removed;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that lack of roads and bridges, railway lines and telecommunication facilities are important causes for such imbalances; and

(c) whether the Planning Commission propose to give special emphasis on the development of these facilities in the rural areas?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) A major thrust of planned growth in the country has been to reduce the regional disparities. Almost all the points of the 20 Point Programme are reoriented towards rural areas. The exercises on the Approach Paper in the Eighth Plan are underway. It would bring out the specific objectives/strategies including those of regional imbalances.

Irrigation Scheme of Tamil Nadu

1493. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the irrigation schemes submitted by Tamil Nadu costing more than Rs. 50 lakhs pending for clearance from the Central Government; and

(b) what are the reasons for the delay in clearance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) Clarification has been sought regarding the economic